(*b*) No.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

(*e*) The matter will be referred to the High Court.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Do not the Government consider that the period of eighteen months is an unusually long time?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Is it the period given in the statement appended?

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Yes, I refer to Appendix II.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is seen that in one case the time taken is 18 months.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): What I am asking is, do not the Government think that the period of 18 months for the disposal of an insolvency petition is too long a period?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That will depend upon the circumstances of each case. No general rule has been laid down. The period required for disposal depends on the nature of the case.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): On the whole the average time taken by one court is 18 months while the average time taken by another court is only three months.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The details will have to be gone into before a definite reply can be given.

Dispensary at Nedumkunnam

37. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(*a*) whether the people of Vazhur, Vellavur, Nedumkunnam, Manimala, and Madappally *pakuthies* are not suffering great hardships on account of the want of a dispensary or *Vaidyasala* in their midst; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to open a dispensary at Nedumkunnam or some other central place?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Government are not aware of the hardships referred to. There is a grant-in-aid Ayurveda Vaidyasala at Manimala.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Resale of Tank Beds by the Depressed Classes.

38. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the depressed classes are selling to others at enhanced rates tanks included in the Kodayar Project and registered to them at the concessional rates?

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